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SUBJECT: SIAD: FRENCH QTE ATTACK UNQTE A FORERUNNER OF QTE COMBINED  
INVASION BY INTERNATIONAL IMPERIALISM UNQTE

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1. SRC PRESIDENT, MOHAMED SIAD BARRE, ADDRESSED FEBRUARY 6 RALLY STAGED PROTEST FRENCH ACTIONS DJIBOUTI KIDNAPPING INCIDENT. SIAD SAID FRENCH "ATTACK" WAS PRELUDE TO COMBINED INVASION BY INTERNATIONAL IMPERIALISM -- AN INVASION WHICH WOULD FAIL IN FACE SOMALI DETERMINATION DEFEND HOMELAND. IMPERIALISTS' FAILURES VIET-NAM, ALGERIA AND ELSEWHERE DEMONSTRATE VALUES AND PRINCIPLES CAN OVERCOME SOPHISTICATED WEAPONRY.

2. PRESIDENT SAID GOF HAD BEEFED UP FORCES IN DJIBOUTI AND THAT 14 WARSHIPS BELONGING FRANCE AND "OTHER IMPERIALIST FORCES" (READ: U.S.) ARE PRESENTLY THERE. SOMALIA, HE CONTINUED, WOULD NOT RPT NOT ATTACK ANYONE BUT HAS "BOTH FRIENDS AND WEAPONS" TO CRUSH POTENTIAL INVADERS AND SCORE YET ANOTHER VICTORY FOR  
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OPPRESSED PEOPLE OF WORLD.

3. SIAD THEN ASSAILED IMPERIALISTS (I.E. U.S.) FOR MASSIVE PROPAGANDA DESIGNED BESMIRCH SOMALI REVOLUTION, DEFLECT ATTENTION FROM IMPERIALISTS' OWN AGGRESSIVE INTENT AND CREATE MISUNDERSTANDING BETWEEN SOMALIA AND NEIGHBORS. (FYI: FSL SOURCE SAYS MOGADISCIO BROADCAST VERSION OF SPEECH, SIAD REFERRED DIRECTLY TO BERBERA AND KISMAYU ISSUES, I.E., SOVIET BASE ISSUE. THESE REFERENCES NOT RPT NOT CARRIED IN PRINT MEDIA. END FYI.) HE REITERATED GSDR'S COMMITMENT RESOLVE PEACEFULLY DISPUTES WITH NEIGHBORS.

4. RETURNING TO FTAI PROBLEM, SIAD DECLARED GSDR'S ONLY DESIRE IS UNCONDITIONAL INDEPENDENCE FOR TERRITORY. SOMALIA WILL NOT RPT NOT USE FORCE OR ANNEX FTAI. DESPITE THIS REASONABLE STANCE, HOWEVER, FRANCE ELECTED SHED INNOCENT BLOOD. SIAD ALSO CONDEMNED ALLEGED IMPRISONMENT, TORTURE AND DEPORTATION OF FTAI OPPOSITION FIGURES, NOTING GOF "IS PARTICULARLY NOTORIOUS FOR SUCH INHUMAN PRACTICES." IN CONCLUSION HE PRAISED THOSE WHO LOST LIVES DURING LOYADA INCIDENT AS "MARTYRS" WHOM SOMALI PEOPLE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER AND URGED FTAI POPULACE TO CONTINUE STRUGGLE TO FINAL VICTORY. END UNCLASSIFIED

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5. COMMENT: SPEECH IS VINTAGE SIAD. PORTRAYAL OF SOMALIA AS BELEAGUERED OUTPOST OF SOCIALISM, ONE OF SIAD'S FAVORITE THEMES, SURFACED AGAIN AFTER SOME MONTHS IN MOTHBALLS. FSL SOURCE SAYS INTELLIGENT SOMALIS NOT BUYING GSDR LINE, REGARDING SIAD'S RANTING ABOUT "IMPERIALIST THREAT" SIMPLY AS ATTEMPT DEFLECT ATTENTION FROM GOVERNMENT'S ECONOMIC FAILURES. SOME ASKING FACETIOUSLY WHY SNA AND ITS "FRIENDS" (PARA 2, ABOVE) DID NOT REPULSE FRENCH WITH WEAPONS SO GENEROUSLY AND DISINTERESTEDLY SUPPLIED BY MOSCOW. GSDR, SAYS SOURCE, IS NERVOUS AND ANGRY OVER LACK OF PUBLIC CONCERN LOYADA INCIDENT. END COMMENT.  
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